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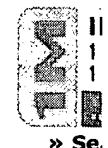
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Abstract:

This paper presents Threaded Multi-Path Execution (TME), which exploits existing hardware on a Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT) processor to speculatively execute multiple paths of execution. When there are fewer threads in an SMT processor than hardware contexts, threaded multi-path execution uses spare contexts to fetch code along the less likely path of hard-to-predict branches. This paper describes the hardware mechanisms needed to enable an SMT processor to efficiently speculate threads for threaded multi-path execution. The Mapping Scheduler is described which enables the spawning of these multiple paths. Policies are defined for deciding which branches to fork, and for managing competition between parallel path threads for critical resources. Our results show that TME increases single program performance of an SMT with eight thread contexts by 14%-23% average, depending on the misprediction penalty, for programs with a high miss rate.

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An architecture of on-chip-memory multi-threading processor

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Abstract:

This paper proposes an on-chip-memory **processor** architecture: FUCE. FUCE Fusion of Communication and Execution. The goal of the FUCE **processor** pr fusing the intra **processor** execution and inter **processor** communication. In achieve this goal, the FUCE **processor** integrates the **processor** units, memo and communication units into a chip. FUCE **Processor** provides a next genera memory system architecture. In this architecture, no data cache memory is n since memory access latency can be hidden due to the simultaneous **multithi** mechanism and the on-chip-memory system with broad-bandwidth low latenc **bus** of FUCE **Processor**. This approach can reduce the performance gap betw instruction execution, and memory and network accesses

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TITLE: SRAM controller for parallel processor architecture and method for controlling access to a RAM using read and read/write queues

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

Referring to FIG. 1, a communication system 10 includes a parallel, hardware-based multithreaded processor 12. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is coupled to a bus such as a peripheral component interface (PCI) bus 14, a memory system 16 and a second bus 18. The system 10 is especially useful for tasks that can be broken into parallel subtasks or functions. Specifically hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is useful for tasks that are bandwidth oriented rather than latency oriented. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 has multiple microengines 22a-22f each with multiple hardware controlled threads that can be simultaneously active and independently work on a task.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (4):

The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 also includes a central controller or core processor 20 that assists in loading microcode control for other resources of the hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 and performs other general purpose computer type functions such as handling protocols, exceptions, extra support for packet processing where the microengines pass the packets off for more detailed processing such as in boundary conditions. In one embodiment, the central controller or core processor 20 is a Strong Arm.RTM. (Arm is a trademark of ARM Limited, United Kingdom) based architecture. The general purpose microprocessor 20 has an operating system. Through the operating system the central controller or core processor 20 can call functions to operate on microengines 22a-22f. The central controller or core processor 20 can use any supported operating system preferably a real time operating system. For the central controller or core processor implemented as a Strong Arm architecture, operating systems such as, MicrosoftNT.RTM. (Microsoft Corporation, Redmond Wash.) real-time, VXWorks.RTM. (Wind River



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(54) SRAM CONTROLLER FOR PARALLEL PROCESSOR ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A RAM USING READ AND READ/WRITE QUEUES

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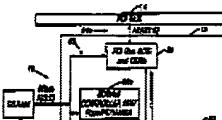
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(57) ABSTRACT

A controller for a random access memory (RAM), such as a static ram (SRAM), includes an address and command queue that holds memory references from a plurality of microcontroller functional units. The address and command queue includes a read queue that stores read memory references. The controller also includes a first read/write queue that holds memory references from a core processor and control logic including an arbiter that detects the fullness of each of the queues and a status of completion of outstanding memory references to select a memory reference from one of the queues. The memory controller may be used in parallel processing systems and may also include an order queue, a lock lookup content addressable memory (CAM) and a read lock fail queue. A system including a media access controller (MAC), a network processor and an SRAM controller, and a method for controlling a RAM, are also described.

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TITLE: Microengine for parallel processor architecture

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Abstract Text - ABTX (1):

A parallel hardware-based multithreaded processor is described. The processor includes a general purpose processor that coordinates system functions and a plurality of microengines that support multiple hardware threads. The processor also includes a memory control system that has a first memory controller that sorts memory references based on whether the memory references are directed to an even bank or an odd bank of memory and a second memory controller that optimizes memory references based upon whether the memory references are read references or write references.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

Referring to FIG. 1, a communication system 10 includes a parallel, hardware-based multithreaded processor 12. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is coupled to a bus such as a peripheral component interface (PCI) bus 14, a memory system 16 and a second bus 18. The system 10 is especially useful for tasks that can be broken into parallel subtasks or functions. Specifically hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is useful for tasks that are bandwidth oriented rather than latency oriented. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 has multiple microengines 22a-22f each with multiple hardware controlled threads that can be simultaneously active and independently work on a task.

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(54) MICROENGINE FOR PARALLEL PROCESSOR ARCHITECTURE

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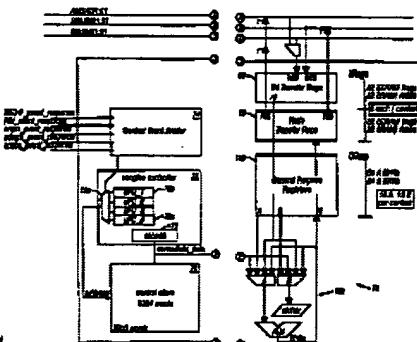
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(57) ABSTRACT

A parallel hardware-based multithreaded processor is described. The processor includes a general purpose processor that coordinates system functions and a plurality of microengines that support multiple hardware threads. The processor also includes a memory control system that has a first memory controller that sorts memory references based on whether the memory references are directed to an even bank or an odd bank of memory and a second memory controller that optimizes memory references based upon whether the memory references are read references or write references.

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

Referring to FIG. 1, a communication system 10 includes a parallel, hardware-based multithreaded processor 12. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is coupled to a bus such as a peripheral component interface (PCI) bus 14, a memory system 16 and a second bus 18. The system 10 is especially useful for tasks that can be broken into parallel subtasks or functions. Specifically hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 is useful for tasks that are bandwidth oriented rather than latency oriented. The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 has multiple microengines 22a-22f each with multiple hardware controlled threads that can be simultaneously active and independently work on a task.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (4):

The hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 also includes a central controller or core processor 20 that assists in loading microcode control for other resources of the hardware-based multithreaded processor 12 and performs other general purpose computer type functions such as handling protocols, exceptions, extra support for packet processing where the microengines pass the packets off for more detailed processing such as in boundary conditions. In one embodiment, the central controller or core processor 20 is a Strong Arm.RTM. (Arm is a trademark of ARM Limited, United Kingdom) based architecture. The general purpose microprocessor 20 has an operating system. Through the operating system the central controller or core processor 20 can call functions to operate on microengines 22a-22f. The central controller or core processor 20 can use any supported operating system preferably a real time operating system. For the central controller or core processor implemented as a Strong Arm architecture, operating systems such as, MicrosoftNT.RTM. (Microsoft Corporation, Redmond Washington) real-time, VXWorks.RTM. (Wind

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(54) SRAM CONTROLLER FOR PARALLEL PROCESSOR ARCHITECTURE INCLUDING ADDRESS AND COMMAND QUEUE AND ARBITER

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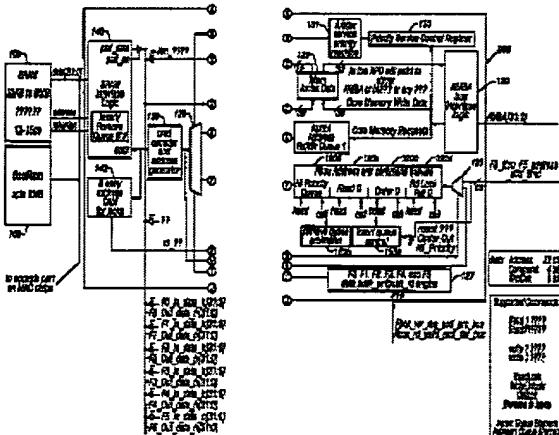
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(57) ABSTRACT

A controller for a random access memory includes an address and command queue that holds memory references from a plurality of micro control functional units. The address and command queue includes a read queue that stores read memory references. The controller also includes a fine read/write queue that holds memory references from a core processor and control logic including an arbiter that detects the fullness of each of the queues and a status of completion of commanding memory references to select a memory reference from one of the queues.

17 Claims, 18 Drawing Sheets



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TITLE: Data return arbitration

CLAIMS:

18. A network processor comprising: a plurality of multi-threaded packet processing microengines; a network interface; bus interfaces; memory interfaces; and a gasket linking the interfaces executing instructions in a command push pull bus format to a microarchitecture core executing instructions in a core memory bus format.

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method of arbitrating data return between simultaneous replies while maintaining priority over later replies is provided. The method includes receiving data in a plurality of priority buffers, detecting when two or more of the buffers are ready to read, storing unique identifications of the read-ready buffers in an order queue according to a priority of the buffer in which they are stored, and reading the unique identifications in the order queue in a first-in-first-out order.

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ABSTRACT:

Receiving bytes of data from a media device includes issuing N consecutive requests, each for M-bytes, to the media device and receiving N-1 responses of M bytes of data from the media device.

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